

April 3, 2017

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, Illinois, was held on Monday, April 3, 2017, in the Village Board Room. Village President Matt Bernius called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll call was answered by Trustees Terry Clark, Jenni Marner, Paul Pearce, Dave Tiffan, and Andy Monts. Trustee JD Kuhns was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of previous meeting minutes

The regular meeting minutes and the two Executive Session meeting minutes of March 20, 2017, were approved as presented. The Water and Sewer Committee meeting minutes and the Street and Alley Committee meeting minutes of March 31, 2017, were approved as submitted.

Approve Expenditures

- T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$24,108.77. P. Pearce seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Bernius reminded everyone about the CIMOA meeting on April 20 in Savoy.

Trustees' Reports

- P. Pearce wished candidates well for the election tomorrow.

Police Chief's Report

- Police Chief Mike Goodman distributed the police and animal control reports before the meeting.
- He reported Brody Bickel entered the Academy today and passed his physical test.
- Golf cart renewal notices have been mailed.
- He will attend a meeting on April 11 regarding upgrading county-wide radio systems.

Public Works Supervisor's Report

- Supervisor Grant Corum stated mowing season has begun.
- Town-wide hydrant flushing will be April 19 – 21.

Village Attorney's Report – No report

Visitors' Comments

The only visitor present was Rod Randall.

Deputy Clerk Erica Carter stated information is now being printed on the back of water bills.

Old Business

- There was discussion regarding the solicitor / peddler ordinance and options. This will be discussed at a future Committee meeting or work session meeting.
- President Bernius tabled any action on the property exchange of railroad property for road adjacent to Mill Street.

New Business

- President Bernius read a request from the Moultrie-Douglas County Fair Board for a special event liquor license. Chief M. Goodman stated there hadn't been any problems in the past. T. Clark made a motion to approve the special event liquor license as requested; A. Monts seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius presented a TIF application and façade application from Amish Country Heirlooms. They are requesting \$10,000 from the façade program and \$25,000 from the TIF program. There was a question about builder's risk insurance; this is a follow up item. T. Clark made a motion to approve façade application up to \$10,000 as long as the project has a \$20,000 cost. P. Pearce seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

- There was discussion about the TIF request, the amount allocated for projects, and timing of additional revenues. There was a suggestion of disbursing \$15,000 this year; \$10,000 in FY2018 for the current application. This item was tabled.
- P. Pearce made a motion to approve \$750 for Jayhawk software and support; T. Clark seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- A. Monts made a motion to approve \$400 for Jayhawk backup support; D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- Police Chief Mike Goodman requested consideration of purchasing a police pursuit vehicle with a state bid of \$27,490. It would replace the 2009 Impala. There was discussion regarding leasing versus buying. This will be explored; this item was tabled.
- President Bernius presented an idea to allow the Fire Department to use the Walnut Street house for smoke training purposes as well as other training opportunities; there will be no burning. When the Fire Department is finished, a contractor will finish the demolition. There was a question and lengthy discussion if any of the structure was worth saving. This item will be tabled for further research.
- President Bernius asked that bids be collected for the clean-up effort while research is being done from the above item. There was discussion about the value of the house versus the value of the fire department training. A. Monts made a motion to advertise for bids for clean-up effort on the Walnut Street properties; T. Clark seconded. There was discussion about getting an appraisal or inspection. Trustees Clark, Marner, Tiffan, and Monts voted YEA. Trustee Pearce voted NAY. President Bernius asked G. Corum to do research about an appraisal or inspection.
- President Bernius reviewed the bids for the North Vine Street Subdivision. Phase 2 includes 11 lots. There was discussion about the sizes of lots in Phase 1 and Phase 2. A majority of the funds is available from the sales of Phase 1 lots. The bids include water, sewer, storm sewer, streets, and sidewalks. The Village will have to pay Ameren for the electric and gas lines; however, some of the money can come back to the Village. T. Clark made a motion to proceed with the Phase 2 proposal from Feutz Contractors in the amount of \$354,127.24. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- President Bernius and G. Corum presented information about lining the sewer line mains and manholes. There was lengthy discussion about the following the capital improvement plan and Farnsworth Group coordinating projects. President Bernius tabled this item.
- Due to the discussion on the previous item, this item was tabled – allowing Farnsworth Group to seek funding options for the lining project.
- A. Monts made a motion to enter Executive Session. D. Tiffan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. This Executive Session was regarding salary increases. (5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1)) The appointment, employment compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.
- President Bernius re-opened the meeting. Trustees present were T. Clark, J. Marner, P. Pearce, D. Tiffan, and A. Monts.
- President Bernius stated employee performance evaluations will be completed, an HR Committee meeting will be scheduled, and recommendations for raises will be made at the next meeting.

Adjourn

P. Pearce made a motion to adjourn. A. Monts seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. President Bernius adjourned the meeting at 9:35pm.

APPROVED 
Village President

ATTEST 
Village Clerk

DATE April 17, 2017